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Amendments to the Abstract

Please replace the Abstract with the amended Abstract shown on the following page:

ABSTRACT

When a first service providing ~~means~~ device and a second service providing ~~means~~ device located on a network have a dependent relationship, services can be disclosed and provided, with the dependent relationship held. A service utilizing device 40 inquires of a service disclosing device 30 regarding available services. The service disclosing device 30 refers to service information [[44]] and sends back, to the service utilizing device 40, an address of a the first service providing device 50 for providing a first service. The service providing device 50 accepts a service request from the service utilizing device 40, refers to manageable target information 65, and issues a service request to a the second service providing device 70 by use of an address of the second service providing device 70 being under non-disclosure. The second service providing device 70 executes services and sends back requested information to the service utilizing device via the first service providing device 50.